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Effective July 1, 1970, there will be provision for assuring necessary transportation of recipients to and from providers of services, using the following methods:

Requests for transportation received from recipients will be evaluated on an individual basis to assure that each individual has access to transportation as indicated by his particular combination of medical need, geographic location, and appropriate source of care with due consideration to sources of transportation available to the individual without charge to the individual or agency.

In those rare instances where transportation is absolutely unavailable, the individual will be referred to the local welfare office where necessary arrangements will be made.



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The following is a description of the methods that will be used to assure that the medical and remedial care and services are of high quality, and a description of the standards established by the State to assure high quality care:

Medical Standards and Review Unit under the provisions of Title XIX will strive to insure that all medical services offered are in keeping with the highest possible levels of care and service.

In order to insure this high quality of medical service, the Medical Standards and Review Unit will be directed by a fully qualified Medical Director. The Medical Director will be responsible for insuring conformance with established high standards by all practitioners and vendors of medical services and supplies. In carrying out his responsibilities, he will maintain close professional contact with the Professional Advisory Committees and the participating members of the Medical and Allied professions.

The Medical Director, in the development and administration of the Medical Care aspects of the Medical Assistance Program, will utilize the assistance of qualified administrative staff, and consultants in the field of hospital administration, dentistry, optometry, pharmacy and various areas of specialized medical services including psychiatry. In this regard, the Medical Standards and Review Unit will employ, among others, part-time consultants in the fields of dentistry - including orthodontia, pharmacy, and medical consultants for nursing homes, consultants in the areas of surgery and psychiatry. These consultants will be selected with great care. In the present program, they have always represented highly competent persons enjoying high stature and acceptance by their professional colleagues in the community.

In the administration of the pharmacy phase of our MA program, Medical Standards and Review will continue to employ full-time pharmacists to review drug bills in order to insure conformance as to the types and charges for drugs for which payment will be allowed.

The Medical Director will encourage and fully utilize the assistance of the various State professional societies representing medicine, dentistry, podiatry, optometry, pharmacy, etc. Consultation with various advisory committees, including the R.I. State Medical Advisory Committee, as established by the agency Director as well as those appointed by the practitioner and vendor groups, will be a part of the on-going program.

In the administration of the Medical Care Program, procedural controls will be established as part of the ongoing review of services provided recipients of the program. These procedural controls will vary according to the type of medical service rendered. For example, in the area of drugs, prior authorization will be employed as a method of controlling the quantity and quality of certain drugs prescribed by attending physicians and dispensed to recipients of the medical assistance program.

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In the area of hospitalization, extension notices entailing requests for detailed medical justification will be required for additional days of care beyond a reasonable limit of hospitalization. In the area of physicians' services, a written report, in certain instances, will be a necessary prerequisite for payment for examinations by medical specialists. In the area of dental care, every effort will be made to increase utilization and availability of these services to children.

Medical Standards and Review will insure the collection and tabulation of medical care statistics on a current monthly, semi-annual, and annual basis. Such current statistics have always been found essential for the intelligent day-to-day administration of our Medical Care Program. These statistics make possible the better recognition and appreciation of the qualitative and quantitative aspects of the Program. It is known, for example, that there is a high percentage of professional participation and a moderately high recipient utilization rate in the present Program of Medical Care. This assures the agency that funds expended are not for the few alone but for the majority of our eligible recipients. It is expected that, by a continued dedication to quality of care and the use of tried and tested consultative and administrative controls, this result will prevail to an ever-increasing degree in the new Medical Assistance Program.

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